

# Nomination/Election of Co-Chairs 2009-2010

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## Overview of this Report

This action item calls for the Committee on Accreditation to nominate and, possibly, to elect two Co-Chairs, one from K-12 education and one from post-secondary education, to serve for the 2009-2010 meeting year. These Co-Chairs, if elected now, will formally take office at this meeting and serve through the June 2010 meeting. This election shall take place in accordance with the adopted procedures of the Committee on Accreditation.

## Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Committee conduct its nomination and election in accordance with its adopted procedures. The COA may conduct the election at this meeting, or make nominations at this meeting and elect Co-chairs at the October meeting. However, because one of the Co-chairs has already served her full term and has left the COA, staff suggests the nomination/election take place at this meeting. As in the past, the newly elected Co-chairs will assume office at the time of their election.

## Background to this Report

The Committee on Accreditation has developed a Procedures Manual to govern its activities. The Manual was last revised in June 2000 and is currently undergoing revision. Chapter Two deals with the *Organization of the Committee*. It lists the officers (two Co-Chairs – one representing K-12 public education and one representing post-secondary education) and their duties, procedures for the election of officers, a description of terms and term limits, and a mechanism for appointing officers pro-tempore.

According to the Procedures Manual, the "...nominations are to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee after the Commission has made new appointments to the Committee if the elections are not held at the first meeting, nominations will remain open until the second meeting of the Committee after new appointments are made." If a member plans to make a nomination, the consent of the individual nominated must be obtained. The Administrator of Accreditation will conduct the election.

Co-chair Ruth Sandlin ended her term with the COA on June 30, 2009. Co-chair Nancy Watkins has served for one term as Co-chair and is eligible to serve another term. Two additional members of the COA have served at least two years as a co-chair, list them here, and thus, according to the COA Procedures Manual, are ineligible to serve unless the COA votes to amend the procedures. All other members of the COA are eligible to serve.

Committee on Accreditation Procedure #104 states that "Procedures of the Committee may be enacted, amended, or repealed at any regular public meeting of the Committee by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Committee. Majority vote is defined as a majority of members in attendance when there is a quorum present. A quorum is defined as seven or members of the Committee."